

Tree Ordinance Board

Excerpts from Chapter 17 of the Village Code of Ordinances, entitled, "Urban Forest":

Sec. 17-5. Tree Ordinance Board.

The provisions of Section 17-4(c) shall be administered by a Tree Ordinance Board. The Tree Ordinance Board shall consist of three (3) members who shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms and two (2) alternate members who shall be appointed for two-year staggered terms. Appointments shall be made by the Board of Managers. The Board of Managers shall designate the Chair of the Tree Ordinance Board. An alternate member may participate in Tree Ordinance Board meetings, but may vote only as a substitute for a Tree Ordinance Board member who is absent. The Chair of the Tree Ordinance Board shall designate which of the alternate members may vote as a substitute for an absent Tree Ordinance Board Member.

Sec. 17-4. Appeals.

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(c) Appeal procedures.

- (1) Upon the filing of an appeal, the Village Manager shall forthwith transmit the record pertaining to the appeal to the Tree Ordinance Board.
- (2) The Tree Ordinance Board shall determine if the tree(s) has such outstanding qualities that it should not be removed. If the Tree Ordinance Board finds that the tree is a candidate for removal, the Tree Ordinance Board shall meet with the applicant and/or the applicant's representative as soon as practicable but no later than ten (10) days after an appeal is filed. The Tree Ordinance Board shall work with the applicant to develop a reforestation plan which, taking into consideration the factors in Section 17-6, the Tree Ordinance Board finds would not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties and would not substantially impair the purpose and intent of this Chapter. In developing the reforestation plan, the Tree Ordinance Board will affirmatively solicit input from residents of adjoining and confronting properties and from the Village Arborist.
- (3) If the applicant agrees to a reforestation plan that the Tree Ordinance Board finds meets the standards in sub-section (1) above, the Tree Ordinance Board shall prepare a report to the Board of Managers and the matter will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the next Board of Managers meeting that is at least ten (10) days after the issuance of the Tree Ordinance Board's report. The matter may be removed from the consent agenda only at the request of two (2) or more members of the Board of Managers.
- (4) If the applicant and Tree Ordinance Board do not reach agreement on removal and a reforestation plan within 30 days after filing of the appeal, or such longer period to which the applicant and Tree Ordinance Board agree, the applicant shall either withdraw the application or request that the matter be heard by the Board of Managers in accordance with sub-sections (d) through (h) of this Section 17-4.

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